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In re the Patent Application of

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TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action dated November 8, 2002, please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-4, 6-9 and 15-16 without prejudice or disclaimer of their underlying subject matter.

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (amended) An optical recording medium for performing at least one of recording and reproduction of information by irradiation of light, comprising;

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